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SUBJECT: TRADE MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)

VISITS PANAMA

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1. A SIX-MAN PRC TRADE MISSION, REPRESENTING TRADE SURVEY GROUP OF CHINA RESOURCES CO., HONG KONG, ARRIVED PANAMA CITY OCTOBER 12 FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT TO EXPLORE BUSINESS PROSPECTS WITH LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. VISIT WAS JOINTLY ARRANGED BY NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, SINHUA (REPS CHIN JUNG-KEM AND ASST-INTERPRETER WU YUNG-HENG) AND CARLOS PEREZ HERRERA, MEMBER GOP LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

2. FOLLOWING MISSION COMPOSITION: A) MAN WING-HING, LEADER; MEMBERS: B) LO MOW-MIN, STAR HOUSE, 3 SALISBURY RD., KOWLOON (ARS AND CRAFTS); C) MAN WING-HONG, ISA MATHESON STR., (TEXTILES); D) CHO YICK-HOK, 27 CONNAUGHT RD. WEST (GENERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRADE); E) LIN CHUNG-MING, 115-119 QUEEN'S RD., WEST

(GOODSTUFFS, CEREALS, VEG. OILS); F) KUO-LIEN, BOX 2051
(GENERAL TRADE).

3. MISSION PAID COURTESY CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN RELATIONS
MINISTER OZORES OCTOBER 13. ALSO ON THAT DATE, MISSION MET
WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRES. DE DIEGO AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS. ON OCTOBER 18, MISSION TOURED COLON FREE TRADE ZONE
(CFTZ) IN THE COMPANY OF MIN. OF FINANCE AND TREASURY SANCHIZ
AND MESSRS. RICARDO DE LA ESPRIELLA AND LUIS A. PABON; GEN.
MANAGERS BANCO NACIONAL DE PANAMA AND CAJA DE AHORROS (BOTH
OFFICIAL PANAMANIAN BANKS, AND CFTZ DIRECTOR ROBERTO PUELLO A.

4. COMMENT: GOP AND PRC OFFICIALS HAD AGREED NO RPT NO ADVANCE
PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO SUBJECT MISSION VISIT AND PRESS BEGAN
REPORTING FIVE DAYS AFTER MISSION ARRIVED. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE TOLD ECON/COM COUNSELOR, HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAD
ONLY 15 MINUTES ADVANCE NOTICE FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS MINISTRY.
MISSION VISIT TO COLON SAID TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PRC INTEREST
IN DEVELOPING TRADE WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.
VISIT IS ALSO TIMED WITH TRADE EXHIBIT ORGANIZED BY TAIWAN
OCTOBER 20-29. AS YET THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT GOP PLANS TO
ESTABLISH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC (REFAIR).
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